



CESAR CHAVEZ DAY OF SERVICE AND LEARNING

2003 QUICK FACTS

- **GO SERV** currently supports more than 60 Chavez projects throughout the state.
- **GO SERV** funding for Cesar Chavez Day programs has totaled nearly \$15 million since 2001.
- **AB 1756** suspended all Cesar Chavez Day funding from July 1, 2003-June 30, 2006

On August 20, 2000, landmark legislation was signed creating the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning as a way to commemorate the legacy and values of Cesar E. Chavez. Observed every year on March 31st, Cesar E. Chavez's birthday, this holiday provides service opportunities for students in grades K-12 that embody the work, life, and values of this great civil rights leader and Californian.

The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is charged with distributing nearly \$5 million in grants to qualifying applicants, including corps, service learning, and volunteer organizations working in partnership with schools and other community organizations.

In 2003, 64 programs were funded throughout California engaging tens of thousands of students in service learning activities. These activities will continue through December 31, 2003 and include projects such as:

- Donating produce to area homeless shelters gleaned from farm fields or grown in school and community gardens; and
- service clubs where youth are trained as leaders through after school programs to create their own service projects—visiting seniors in residential facilities, tutoring and mentoring children, teaching people how to read, and helping the homeless.

In addition to schools, hundreds of community partners are involved in these Cesar Chavez Day projects including: colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, labor unions, churches, civic associations, city halls, fire and police departments, and libraries.

"We can choose to use our lives for others to bring about a better and more just world for our children."

—Cesar E. Chavez

On August 11, 2003, Assembly Bill 1756, a trailer bill to the 2003-2004 State budget, was signed suspending all Cesar Chavez Day funding from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006.

For more information on funded projects and their activities, please check our website at www.goserv.ca.gov or call GO SERV at 916/323-7646.

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